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EDITORIAL

Members will notice that this volume is completely different in appearance from the preceding volumes of the MAS Journal. It is the result of an attempt to improve the production of the Journal both in terms of speed and cost, and it is hoped that if this volume is successful, future Journals will be in a similar format. The purchase of an electric typewriter by the Society has made it possible to produce camera-ready text of contributions, thus avoiding the high cost of typesetting, which is the most expensive item in the production of conventionally printed journals.

One of the principal aims of the Society is now to catch up on the backlog of Journals, and it is proposed that the next two issues will be double volumes, for 1980-1 and 1982-3. The editor has already received contributions for the next volume, which is planned for the end of 1983. The production of future Journals does depend, however, on the funds of the Society being able to cover the cost of printing, so it would be much appreciated if members could re-double their efforts towards the sale of Society publications!

Contributions to volume 5 would be very welcome, either in the form of articles or notes on work carried out by members.

The Publications Sub-Committee has produced a set of Guidelines for contributors, which set out the format in which contributions should be submitted. A copy of these will be sent on request, and members are asked to consult them before putting pen to paper.

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